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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/219,288-1977
	Filing Date	December 22, 1998
	First Named Inventor	Thomas J. Engellenner
	Group Art Unit	1743
	Examiner Name	Lyle Alexander
	Attorney Docket No.	101324-54

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- ☒ i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on January 30, 2001
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Supplemental Response
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 08/31/2001 CNGUYEN 00000059 09219288
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:279
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 355.00 enclosed
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Application Serial No.: **09/219,288**

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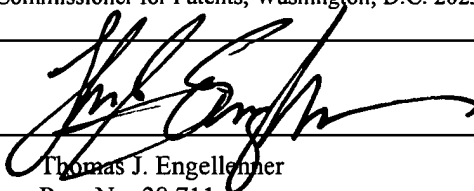
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 25, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, please approve entry of the following amendment, thereby placing the above-referenced patent application in condition for allowance or, alternatively, in a better form for appeal, as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 25, 35-41 and 43 as follows: (A marked up version showing revisions is appended hereto.)

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